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SUBJECT: U.S.-HUNGARIAN ANIMAL HEALTH AGREEMENT

REF: BUDAPEST 3231

1. USDA ALSO UNAWARE OF PLANS TO SIGN A QTE PLANT AND ANIMAL
PROTECTION AGREEMENT UNQTE.

2. DR. PAL VIGH, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, HUNGARIAN EMBASSY, DELIVERED
LETTER CONCERNING SUBJECT AGREEMENT TO USDA JUNE 24. LETTER FROM DR.
LAJOS DENES, HEAD OF HUNGARIAN VETERINARY SERVICE ADDRESSED TO DR.JOHN

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M. HEJL, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR VETERINARY SERVICES, APHIS, USDA,

TRANSMITTED HUNGARIAN DRAFT OF PROPOSED QTE ANIMAL HEALTH AGREEMENT
UNQTE FOR CONSIDERATION BY USDA.

3. HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL IS SO BROAD THAT IT WOULD CONTRAVENE EXISTING
STATUTES AND REGULATIONS (E.G., IMPORTATION FROM HUNGARY OF RUMINANTS,

SWINE, AND FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN MEAT OF SUCH ANIMALS IS ABSOLUTELY

PROHIBITED BY SECTION 306(A) OF TARIFF ACT OF 1930). THERE IS NO
AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL AGREEMENTS OVER AND BEYOND THOSE PROVIDED FOR BY

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS.

4. HUNGARIAN VETERINARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF ANIMAL
HEALTH REGULATIONS WITH APHIS/USDA VETERINARIANS AND PRESUMABLY ARE
WELL AWARE OF STRINGENT U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON VETERINARY, ANIMAL

HEALTH, AND SANITATION SUBJECTS. HUNGARIAN DRAFT VIEWED AS FISHING
EXPEDITION TO LEARN HOW FAR USDA WOULD GO IN ACCOMMODATING HUNGARIAN
DESIRE TO EXPAND EXPORT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS TO U.S.

5. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING
FOR AN EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION RE-
GARDING ANIMAL DISEASES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
HUNGARY SIMILAR TO THAT RECENTLY CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND POLAND.

6. REPORTS THAT USDA PREPARED TO SIGN PLANT AND ANIMAL
HEALTH PROTECTION COOPERATION AGREEMENT APPARENTLY EMANATED
FROM AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE VIGH. USDA HAS INFORMED VIGH ONLY
RPT ONLY THAT DENES' LETTER WAS FORWARDED TO HEJL, APHIS,
AND THAT HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL WAS UNDER REVIEW BY APPROPRIATE
USDA AUTHORITIES.

7. IF MINISTER ROMANY RAISES SUBJECT OF QTE ANIMAL HEALTH
AGREEMENT UNQTE, SECRETARY BUTZ WILL REITERATE WILLING-
NESS USDA SCIENTISTS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH
HUNGARIAN COUNTERPARTS. THE SECRETARY WILL NOTE THAT ANY
SUCH AGREEMENTS MUST BE WITHIN AUTHORITY GRANTED BY
EXISTING STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

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8. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE DRAW ON ABOVE TO FORMULATE RE-
SPONSE TO HUNGARIAN MIN AGR NOTING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) USDA DISAVOWS RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORT THAT USG NOW
READY TO SIGN AGREEMENT; (B) USDA COULD ENTERTAIN POSSI-
BILITY OF CONCLUDING AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON ANIMAL DISEASES (FYI, THIS
WOULD BE, BY AND LARGE, A COSMETIC AGREEMENT--ANY

ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AGREEMENT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT); (C) USDA SCIENTISTS PREPARED TO
DISCUSS ANY PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARIAN COUNTERPARTS;
AND (D) ANY SUCH AGREEMENT MUST BE WITHIN AUTHORITY GRANTED
BY EXISTING U.S. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.
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